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DEPARTMENT PASS TO IKE GOLDEN/SPECIAL PROGRAMS, BUREAU OF
INTERNATIONAL LABOR AFFAIRS FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: LABOR DEPARTMENT SEMINARS IN YUGOSLAVIA

1. SUMMARY: RESPONSIBILITY FOR SELECTION, DEVELOPMENT AND
ORGANIZATION OF DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SEMINAR PROGRAM IN YUGOSLAVIA
TRANSFERRED FROM USIS TO ECONOMIC SECTION. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING CY76 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND DIRECTION
OF DEPARTMENT OF LABOR SEMINARS IN YUGOSLAVIA WAS LODGED WITH
USIS WITH THE FULL SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE OF THE ECONOMIC SECTION.
USIS EXPERTISE RESULTED IN TWO EXCELLENT SEMINARS ON THE TOPICS
OF "WORKER PROJECTION IN THE IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY" AND "INTERNAL
MIGRATION AND RETAINING OF DISLOCATED WORKERS."

3. IN EVALUATING THE TWO SEMINARS, I HAVE COME TO THE CONCLUSION
THAT THE ECONOMIC SECTION, AND THE LABOR REPORTING OFFICER IN
PARTICULAR, SHOULD DIRECT THIS PROGRAM. WHILE USIS CARRIED OUT
RVHE PRGXRAMS EFFECTIVELY, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE SEMINARS ARE
ARRANGED WITH AND FOR PEOPLE INVOLVED IN LABOR AFFAIRS AND THE
YUGOSLAV SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS ARE PRIME CONTACTS FOR THE LABOR
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REPORTING OFFICER. MOREOVER, THE LABOR REPORTING OFFICER IS
EASILY IDENTIFIED AS THE PROPER CHANNEL FOR COMMUNICATION WITH
THE DOL IN PLANNING AND FOLLOW-UP EFFORTS. ADDITIONALLY, THE
SUBJECTS COVERED IN THE SEMINARS ARE MORE CLOSELY ALIGNED WITH
THE OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMERCIAL COUNTRY PROGRAM THAN WITH
THOSE OF THE USIS COUNTRY PLAN. THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION

CAN OFTEN MAKE SUBSTANTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS THE SEMINARS, AND
EVEN TURN THEM TO THEIR OWN PURPOSES--WITNESS THE UPCOMING

SEMINAR ON PRODUCTIVITY IN THE FOOD PACKAGING INDUSTRY WHICH
IS BEING HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE AMERICAN EXHIBITION AT
THE NOVI SAD AGRICULTURAL FAIR.

4. I HAVE ASKED USIS TO CONTINUE GIVING AUDIO-VISUAL AND
PRINTED MEDIA SUPPORT TO THESE SEMINARS, AS WELL AS OTHER AS-
STANCE DEEMED APPROPRIATE. CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE
SEMINAR PROGRAM SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO LABOR REPORTING OFFICER,
AMEMBASSY BELGRADE.

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